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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)
The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d) filed on March 26, 2007, requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

- ☐ The petition was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment before an examination has been made of the application. See 37 CFR 1.138(d).
- ☑ The application is not an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after December 8, 2004.
- ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).

Any inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the Pre-Grant Publication Division at (703) 605-4283.

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